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International Application No.	
03 MAY 01 (03.05.01)	
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<b>PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION</b>	
<b>RO/US</b>	
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Applicant's or agent's file reference (if desired) (12 characters maximum) 7781.20-304	

<b>Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION</b>	
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SIMPLIFYING AND ACCELERATING THE DEFINITION DYNAMIC GENERATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS	
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Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)	Telephone No.
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State (that is, country) of nationality: DE	State (that is, country) of residence: DE
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EBERT, Peter Steffen 2333 Eastridge Avenue #7 Menlo Park, CA 94025 United States of America	<input type="checkbox"/> applicant only
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<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.	
<b>Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agent <input type="checkbox"/> common representative	
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- (iii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;

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GRAHAM, Barry W.	30,907
CONVERSE, Robert E.	29,924
CHAPMAN, Ernest F.	27,432
THAYER, Linda J.	25,961
	45,681

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**Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM**

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 04 May 2000 (04.05.00)	60/202,083	US		
item (2)				
item (3)				
item (4)				
item (5)				

☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

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ISA/ . EP.

**Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search** (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year)

Number

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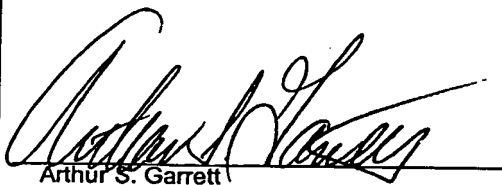
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description (excluding sequence listing part)	: 10	3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney	:	
claims	: 11	4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: .....	:	
abstract	: 1	5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature	:	
drawings	: 7	6. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): .....	:	
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<b>Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Language of filing of the international application:</b>	<b>English</b>	

**Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE**

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request)

  
Arthur S. Garrett

(03.05.01)

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3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:		
4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):		
5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent):	ISA/ EP	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid

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### Annex to the Request

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# PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the RECEIVING OFFICE

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Date of mailing  
(day/month/year) 01 Jun 2001

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**PAYMENT DUE**  
See item 3 for time limits

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PCT/US01/40659

International filing date/Date of receipt  
(day/month/year) 03 May 2001

Priority date (day/month/year)  
04 May 2000

Applicant  
SAP AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this receiving Office has received:

- ☒ the payment of all the prescribed fees, and ☐ an overpayment, which will be refunded in due course.  
☐ no or insufficient payment of the prescribed fees and the applicant is hereby invited to pay the balance due, as summarized under item 2, within the time limit(s) indicated under item 3.

2. Fees and payment calculation:

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Total fees payable		Amount paid		Balance

☐ The details of the calculation are given in the Annex.

3. Time limit(s) for payment and amount(s) payable (Rule 14.1, 15.4 and 16.1(f)):

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- ☐ within ONE YEAR from the priority date (only for the designation fee and only if this time limit expires later than the above limit).  
-If the designation fee is paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application, the amount payable is the amount applicable on that date of receipt.  
-If the designation fee is paid within one year from the priority date but later than one month from the date of receipt of international application, the amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of payment. The receiving Office should be consulted for the applicable amount.
- ☐ within 16 MONTHS from the priority date (only for the fee for priority document). The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact the request made by the applicant under Rule 17.1(b) will be considered not to have been made unless the fee is paid within that time limit.

4. Additional observations (if necessary):

- ☐ The search copy will not be transmitted to the International Searching Authority until the search fee is paid (therefore the start of the international search will be delayed) (Rule 23.1(a) and (b)).

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**ANNEX TO FORM PCT/RO/102  
CALCULATION OF THE PRESCRIBED FEES**

International application No.  
**PCT/US01/40659**

**[T] Transmittal Fee**

Prescribed amount: . . . . . 240.00 [T]  
Amount paid: . . . . . 240.00  
Balance: . . . . . = 0.00

☒ correct amount  
☐ overpayment  
☐ balance due

**[S] Search Fee**

Prescribed amount: . . . . . 846.00 [S]  
Amount paid: . . . . . 846.00  
Balance: . . . . . = 0.00

☒ correct amount  
☐ overpayment  
☐ balance due

**[I] International Fee** (*Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the international fee; see Notes to the Fee Calculation Sheet as annexed to the Request Form, PCT/RO/101, for details. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the total to be entered at I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at B and D).*)

**[B] Basic Fee**

Fixed amount for first 30 sheets: . . . . . 382.00 [b<sub>1</sub>]  
Amount per additional sheet: 9.00  
Number of additional sheets: x 4 = 36.00 [b<sub>2</sub>]

Prescribed amount (b<sub>1</sub> + b<sub>2</sub>) = 418.00 [B]  
Amount paid: - 418.00  
Balance: = 0.00

☒ correct amount  
☐ overpayment  
☐ balance due

**[D] Designation Fee**

Amount of designation fee: . . . . . 82.00  
Number of designation fees payable (maximum 11): . . . . . x 6

Prescribed amount = 492.00 [D]  
Amount paid: - 492.00  
Balance: = 0.00

☒ correct amount  
☐ overpayment  
☐ balance due

Add amounts entered at B and D and enter total at I

Prescribed amount: . . . . . = 910.00 [I]  
Amount paid: . . . . . - 910.00  
Balance: . . . . . = 0.00

☒ correct amount  
☐ overpayment  
☐ balance due

**[P] Fee for priority document**

Prescribed amount: . . . . . 15.00 [P]  
Amount paid: . . . . . - 15.00  
Balance: . . . . . = 0.00

☒ correct amount  
☐ overpayment  
☐ balance due

Additional observations, (if necessary):

- ☐ The amount paid for the designation fee covers the following designations: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_



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From the RECEIVING OFFICE

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NOTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
APPLICATION NUMBER AND OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

(PCT Rule 20.5(c))

To: ARTHUR S. GARRETT FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, LL 1300 I STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 20005-3315		<b>PCT</b>  NOTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  (PCT Rule 20.5(c))	
Date of mailing (day/month/year)		01 Jun 2001	
Applicant's or agent's file reference 7781.20-304		<b>IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION</b>	
International application No. PCT/US01/40659	International filing date (day/month/year) 03 May 2001	Priority date (day/month/year) 04 May 2000	
Applicant SAP AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT			
Title of the invention METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SIMPLIFYING AND ACCELERATING THE DEFINITION DYNAMIC GENERATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS			

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the international application has been accorded the international application number and the international filing date indicated above.

2. The applicant is further notified that the record copy of the international application:

☒ was transmitted to the International Bureau on 01 Jun 2001

☐ has not yet been transmitted to the International Bureau for the reason indicated below and a copy of this notification has been sent to the International Bureau\*:
 

☐ because the necessary national security clearance has not yet been obtained.  
☐ because (reason to be specified):

\* The International Bureau monitors the transmittal of the record copy by the receiving Office and will notify the applicant (with Form PCT/IB/301) of its receipt. Should the record copy not have been received by the expiration of 14 months from the priority date, the International Bureau will notify the applicant (Rule 22.1(c)).

3. FOREIGN TRANSMITTAL LICENSE INFORMATION Completed by: SRH

☐ Additional license for foreign transmittal not required. This subject matter is covered by a license already granted or the equivalent U.S. national application. Refer to that license for information concerning its scope.  
  
☐ License for foreign transmittal not required. 37 CFR. 5.11(e)(1) or 37 CFR 5.11(e)(2). However, a license may be required for additional subject matter. See 37 CFR 5.15(b).  
  
☒ Foreign transmittal license granted. 35 U.S.C. 184; 37 CFR 5.11 on 03 MAY 01 :  

☒ 37 CFR 5.15(a)
☐ 37 CFR 5.15(b)

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## INVITATION TO CORRECT DEFECTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

(PCT Articles 3(4)(i) and 14(1) and Rule 26)

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REPLY DUE

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03 May 2001

Applicant

SAP AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

1. The applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to correct the defects in the international application as filed, the defects specified on the attached



Annex A



Annex B1 (text matter of the international application as filed)



Annex C1 (drawings of the international application as filed)

2. The applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to correct the defects in the translation of the international application furnished under Rule 12.3, the defects specified on the attached



Annex A



Annex B2 (text matter of the translation of the international application)



Annex C2 (drawings of the translation of the international application)

Additional observations (if necessary):

### HOW TO CORRECT THE DEFECTS?

Correction must be submitted by filing a replacement sheet embodying the correction and a letter accompanying the replacement sheet, which shall draw attention to the difference between the replaced sheet and the replacement sheet. A correction may be stated in a letter only if it is of such a nature that it can be transferred from the letter to the record copy without adversely affecting the clarity and direct reproducibility of the sheet onto which the correction is to be transferred (Rule 26.4(a)).

### ATTENTION

Failure to correct the defects will result in the international application being considered withdrawn by this receiving Office (see Rule 26.5 for further details).

A copy of this invitation and any attachments has been sent to the International Bureau



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Form PCT/RO/106 (July 1998)

## ANNEX A TO FORM PCT/RO/106

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PCT/US01/40659**The receiving Office has found the following defects in the international application as filed:**

1. As to **signature\*** of the international application (Rules 4.15 and 90.4), the request:
- a. ☐ is not signed.
  - b. ☐ is not signed by all applicants.
  - c. ☐ is not accompanied by the statement referred to in the check list in Box No. VIII of the request explaining the lack of the signature of an applicant for the designation of the United States of America.
  - d. ☒ is signed by what appears to be an agent/common representative but
    - ☒ the international application is not accompanied by a power of attorney appointing him.
    - ☐ the power of attorney accompanying the international application was not signed by all the applicants.
  - e. ☐ other (*specify*):

\* All applicants must sign, including inventors if they are also applicants (e.g. where the United States of America is designated).

2. As to indications concerning the **applicant**, the request (Rules 4.4 and 4.5):

- a. ☐ does not properly indicate the applicant's name (*specify*):
- b. ☐ does not indicate the applicant's address.
- c. ☐ does not properly indicate the applicant's address (*specify*):
- d. ☐ does not indicate the applicant's nationality.
- e. ☐ does not indicate the applicant's residence.
- f. ☐ other (*specify*):

3. As to the **language** of certain elements of the international application, other than the description and claims ( Rules 12.1(c) and 26.3ter(a) and (c)):

- a. ☐ the **request** is not in a language which is both a language accepted by this receiving Office and a language of publication, which is (are):
- b. ☐ the **text matter of the drawings** is not in the language in which the international application is to be published, which is:
- c. ☐ the **abstract** is not in the language in which the international application is to be published, which is:

4. The **title** of the invention:

- a. ☐ is not indicated in Box No. I of the request (Rule 4.1(a)).
- b. ☐ is not indicated at the top of the first sheet of the description (Rule 5.1(a)).
- c. ☒ as appearing in Box No. I of the request is not identical with the title heading the description (Rule 5.1(a)).  
(COMMA)

5. As to the **abstract** (Rule 8):

- ☐ the international application does not contain an abstract.

## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>7781.20-304</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. <b>PCT/US 01/40659</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>03/05/2001</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>04/05/2000</b>
Applicant <b>SAP AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT et al.</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

**1. Basis of the report**

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

**5**☐ None of the figures.

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
 IPC 7 G06F17/30

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G06F G09B G06T

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5 635 953 A (HAYAMI ET AL.) 3 June 1997 (1997-06-03) column 3, line 10 - line 35 column 5, line 32 -column 7, line 24 ---	1-52
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Date of the actual completion of the international search

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US 5878126	A	02-03-1999	NONE	
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DE 4435903	A	11-04-1996	DE 4435903 A1	11-04-1996
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<b>TO:</b> ARTHUR S. GARRETT FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, LL 1300 I STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 20005-3315	<b>UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)</b>  <b>NOTIFICATION OF STATUS OF REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>
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International application No.  PCT/US01/40659	International filing date <small>(day/month/year)</small> 03 May 2001
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Applicant for DO/EO/US  EBERT, PETER STEFFEN	
<b>NOTIFICATION</b>	
<p>The applicant is hereby advised that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Designated Office <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Office has received following items as of the date of mailing indicated above.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Nation fee [35 U.S.C 371 (c) (1)]</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Oath of declaration [35 U.S.C 371 (c) (4)]</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of International application as [35 U.S.C 371 (c) (2)]</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Translation of Application [35 U.S.C 371 (c) (2)]</li> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C 371 (c) (3)]</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Translation of PCT Article 19 Amendments [35 U.S.C 371 (c) (3)]</li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Search Report or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2) [35 U.S.C 371 (a)]</li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> International Preliminary Examination Report and its Annexes, if any, under PCT Article 36(3)(b) [35 U.S.C 371 (a)]</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36(3)(b) [35 U.S.C 371 (c) (5)]</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items received:           <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Document      <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Art Statement      <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment           </div> </li> </ol> <p>A. <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements for U.S. National processing have been met. Processing will commence  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> at the expiration of the applicable time limit under either  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> PCT Article 22 [35 U.S.C 371 (b)] or  <input type="checkbox"/> PCT Article 39 [35 U.S.C 371 (b)]           </div> <input type="checkbox"/> on the date indicated below under the provisions of 35 U.S.C 371 (f)         </div> </p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 30%; border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">U.S. NATIONAL SERIAL#</div> <div style="width: 30%; border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">DATE UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(e)</div> <div style="width: 30%; border-top: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF NATIONAL PROCESSING</div> </div> <p><i>All correspondence submitted after the date of commencement of U.S. National processing indicated above should refer to the U.S. National Serial Number and the appropriate U.S. National processing organization of Officer.</i></p> <p>B. <input type="checkbox"/> As the above identified application has been accepted for U.S. National processing under the provision of 35 U.S.C. 371 (f) before expiration of the applicable time limit under <input type="checkbox"/> PCT Article 22 <input type="checkbox"/> PCT Article 39, applicant is reminded that  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments under PCT Article 19 and/or  <input type="checkbox"/> the International Preliminary Examination Report and its Annexes, if any, under PCT Article 36(3) (a), and (b) and any translation thereof, if applicable, must be submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office as soon as they are available.         </div> </p>	



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C. ☒ In order that U.S. National processing may begin, certain items must be received by the DO/EO/US by the expiration of applicable time limit under

☒ PCT Article 22 or

☒ PCT Article 39.

Specifically:

- ☒ 1. U.S. National Fee
- ☒ 2. Oath or Declaration
- ☐ 3. Copy of Application
- ☐ 4. Translation of application
- ☒ 5. Amendments under PCT Article 19, if any
- ☐ 6. Translation of PCT Article 19 Amendments, if applicable
- ☐ 7. Search Report or PCT Article 17(2) declaration
- ☐ 8. International Preliminary Examination Report and its Annexes, if any, under PCT Article 36(3)(a), if applicable
- ☐ 9. Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36(3)(b), if applicable

**THE ABOVE CHECK ITEMS MUST BE TIMELY RECEIVED TO AVOID ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.**  
[35. U.S.C. 371(d)]

D. Further information for the applicant:

**This is only a reminder.**

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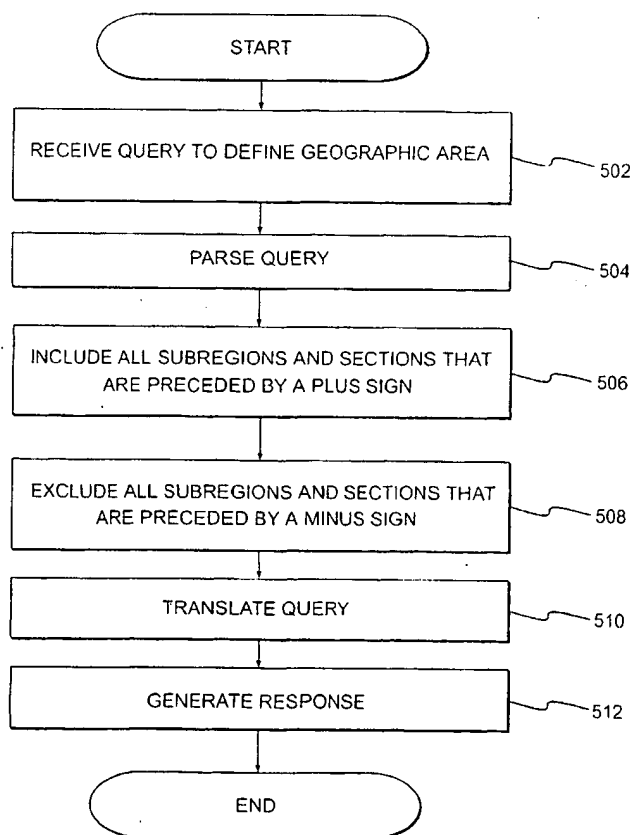
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SIMPLIFYING AND ACCELERATING THE DEFINITION, DYNAMIC GENERATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS



(57) Abstract: A system and method for defining, generating and identifying a geographic area is disclosed. This may be done by establishing zip codes as the basic building blocks for the geographic area. For example, the United States may represent a region, which includes all of the zip codes in the United States. A region may also be divided into mutually exclusive subregions. For example, individual states within the United States may represent the subregions, wherein the individual states represent all of the zip codes within that state. The subregions are then divided into mutually exclusive sections. For example, zip codes within the individual states may represent the sections. Simplified syntax is then used to allow a user to submit a query including parameters to identify subregions or sections that are to be included or excluded from the defined geographic area within the region. The system then processes this query and outputs a response representative of the query.

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